

REMARKS

General

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 4, 2004, Applicant has made changes to form and believes that this response and amendment, which addresses the Office Action mailed February 23, 2004, is now compliant. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney if the form of this paper is improper. Additionally, because Applicant submitted fees in its original response and amendment to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2004, Applicant believes that no fees are required at this time.

Amendments to the Specification:

With respect the amendment to line 7 of page 1, Applicant believes that this amendment was made by hand at the time of the submission of the application, but requests the Examiner to make this change if that was not the case. The amendment reflects the correction of an inadvertent typographical error, and Applicant notes that in the Declaration the filing date of the provisional application was correctly typed. Applicant further notes that the filing receipt had also indicated the correct filing date of the provisional application.

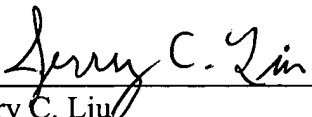
The amendment to line 24 of page 4 was also to correct an inadvertent typographical error.

Amendments to the Claims:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1 – 14 and 28 are allowed. By way of the above amendment, claims 15-27 and claims 29-80 have been cancelled without prejudice so as to minimize the issues in the present application. Claims 81-91 had been cancelled without prejudice in Applicant's Response of December 5, 2003 for the same reason. Dependant claims 8, 10, 11, 12, and 14 were amended to correct typographical errors, thus more accurately reflecting aspects of the invention. New dependant claims 92 - 221 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that, the new dependant claims are allowable because they depend from independent claims 1 and 28, which the Examiner indicated were allowed (Applicant notes that this is not an admission that the new dependant claims have no independently patentable features). Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned if otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

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